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THE FUTURE OF CHINA.

MR TAFT INTERVIEWED.

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New York, October 12.

Mr. Taft, the Republican candidate for the Presidential election, received Li Sun Ling, editor of the *Wah Tat* of Hongkong, on Saturday morning and cordially welcomed him. In the course of a long interview Mr. Taft emphatically expressed himself in favor of closer relations between China and the United States. He said: "If I should ever be in a position where my influence in the affairs of the United States will be felt, I would use every effort to help China's progress."

China is making distinct progress, which will be greater if American ideas and influence are mingled with the work. I am looking forward to the time when China will be able to take care of herself independently of outside influence, because it will be for the good of all nations.

I am opposed to the tactics of those who seem to be working to keep China half developed, and in a position where she will be imposed upon, and where she can be forced to sell her land and pay tribute for all she buys. These tactics not only injure China, but in the end those nations who are imposing upon her will also be injured.

I am glad to state that the United States has not been a leader in this game. The Chinese have confidence in Americans because we do not say one thing and do another. What adds to this confidence is that China knows America's intentions are honest, and that we do not want her territory. China realizes this fact.

China's progress is our progress, and therefore I am in favor of close friendship between China and the United States. I never had thought of attracting one word from my Shanghai speech, and believe I never will. I do not fear the development of the Chinese nor do I take any stock in the reports of a possible "Yellow Peril."

Li Sun Ling asked Mr. Taft what, in his opinion, would hasten China's prosperity and bring about a development to the advantage of China and America?

Mr. Taft replied, that business compels him to say that China should send more young men to the United States to study the conditions and to work for the improvement of their country.

"I have often met Chinese students," continued Mr. Taft, "and I have often wished more like them would come here. I think the Chinese educated in the United States will greatly benefit China. I believe those educated in the United States are better equipped than those educated in Japan. There is something superficial about the knowledge the Chinese get in the Japanese schools, whereas the Chinese here get a deep insight into affairs."

Mr. Taft further referred to the many good ideas advanced by the Peking Government, but said that unless edicts are enforced progress is checked.

Mr. Taft praised the Chinese in America for their thrift and said that the Chinese at home would advance more if the same thrift were shown. "Our merchants," continued Mr. Taft, "have gained the respect of the Chinese and I think they will keep that respect and confidence. China's progress will help us as much as it will help China. Take, for instance, the prosperity of Canada. Canada is a great help to the United States and to our commerce. The same would hold true in the Far East."

When I spoke of some needed reforms in China I was thinking of the necessity of making practical some of the Chinese efforts which remain only theories. For instance, Victoria sent memorials to the Throne, and the Peking Government in many cases issued edicts. Many of these edicts embody ideas which would greatly benefit China if they were carried out, but they are not carried out. They show good ideas and good intentions, but when they are not made effective they do more harm than good. If these edicts were rigidly enforced I think it would be a step toward progress."

Referring again to the question of thrift Mr. Taft said: "When the Chinese come to the United States they are as a rule very thrifty, but fabulous sums are expended by wealthy Chinese in their own country for harems and expensive gifts. It is questionable, in my humble opinion, if this practice is advisable."

Mr. Li Sun Ling expressed the hope that China would be freed from the fetters now holding her, and Mr. Taft was genuinely in sympathy, and it was evident throughout the interview that Mr. Taft felt a deep genuine interest in China and the Chinese.

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The Pilot chart of the Pacific Ocean gives
an interesting forecast of the average con-
ditions of wind and weather over the North
Pacific Ocean during October. The chart
of normal pressure for the month shows an
area of high barometer (maximum pressure
30.20 inches) central in latitude 30°-40° N.,
longitude 130°-150° W. Around this area
the winds circulate in the same direction
as the motion of the hands of a watch.
NW'ly and N'ly winds prevailing between
the maximum and the coast; NE'ly and
E'ly winds (the NE trades) on the
southern slope; SE'ly and S'ly winds to
the west of the maximum; W'ly and
NW'ly winds along the northern slope.
In direction they will vary from NNE
along the meridian 15° W. to ENE in mid-
ocean. From 140° W. to 140° E. the
strongest trades will be found between the
parallels 15°-20° N.

In Honolulu the average prevalence of
the trades during October is 22 days.
Tropical calms, often extending over several
days in succession, will be met throughout
the belt 0°-10° N., 120° E. 180°; also
throughout a triangular area, the base of
which runs on the American coast from
Cape San Lucas in the Gulf of Panama,
the vertex lying in latitude 5° N., longitude
130° W. Along the American coast north
of 45° the winds will be from S.E. (with
falling barometer) to S.W. and West (with
rising barometer). Immediately under the
coast the most frequent direction will be
S.E., rising at times to gale force. Beyond
130° the wind will blow longest and
strongest from S.S.W. Between 40° and
45° and under the coast the most frequent
directions will be S.E. and N.W., the
winds from these quarters blowing with
about equal frequency. West of 13° a
majority of the winds are included between
S.W. and North. South of 40° the pre-
vailing direction will be N.W.

Continuing southward N.W. winds
may be expected between the coast
and from 30° N., 130° W., to 15° N., 105°
W. South of 15° and under the coast
NE'ly winds will blow. On the coast and
as far west as 120° the prevailing direction
is SW., becoming successively S'ly and
SE'ly as the equator is approached.

Occasional cyclonic storms of no great
intensity (winds of force 10) may be expect-
ed between the parallels of 10° and 20° N.,
along the sailing route from San Francisco
to the line and return.

An area of low barometer (pressure 29.70
inches) covers the Aleutian Islands.
Around this area the circulation of the
winds is cyclonic or contrary to the motion
of the hands of a watch. The two circula-
tions, cyclonic (around the low) and anti-
cyclonic (around the high), thus unite in
giving rise to W'ly winds over the northern
half of the ocean.

During October the summer area of low
pressure central over continental Asia
yields to the winter High, with the result
that the SW. monsoon is displaced by the
NE. The latter will cover the coast of
China and Formosa and the Choo Sea as
far south as 5°. Beyond this parallel light
S'ly winds and variables may be expected
during October. As a rule the NE. mon-
soon sets in with storm force, and at times
without previous warning. Open anchorages
should therefore be avoided.

Along the western coast of the Philippine
Archipelago during October and November
E'ly and NE'ly breezes prevail, falling
light at sunset. A steady breeze from any
quarter during the entire day is an indica-
tion of the existence of a typhoon, the
centre of the disturbance bearing two to
four points to the left of the point toward
which the wind is blowing. For Manila
the average climatological conditions during
October are: Pressure, 29.8 inches; tem-
perature, 80.4°; rainfall, 7.4 inches. For
November they are: Pressure, 29.96 inches;
temperature, 79.6°; rainfall, 5.2 inches.
Temporary areas of abnormally high and
low barometer, with attendant anticyclonic
and cyclonic wind circulations, will be
found moving in a general E'ly direction
across the ocean in temperate latitudes.
In advance of the former the weather is
dry (large difference between the wet and
the dry bulb), the barometer rises, the ther-
mometer falls, the clouds (cirrus, cirro-
cumulus, alto-cumulus) tend to dissolve,
and the general direction of the latter
polar or W'ly; in advance of the latter
the weather is damp (small difference be-
tween the wet and dry bulb), the barometer
falls, the thermometer rises, the clouds
(cirro-stratus, alto-stratus, nimbus) tend
to gather, and the general direction of the
winds is equatorial or E'ly. The outward
passage of an anticyclone is marked by
light slowly shifting winds and fair weather,
of a cyclone by gales, rain, and foul
weather.

Fog, Mist and Haze. - China Sea, 6 per
cent (4 e., 6 hours in each 100); coast of
China from Hongkong to Shanghai, 5 per
cent; Eastern Sea and Gulf of Peshi, 7
per cent; Japan Sea, 2 per cent; Gulf of
Alaska, north of 55°, 3 per cent; south of
55°, 7 per cent; American coast, Puget
Sound to San Francisco, 3 per cent; San
Francisco to Cape San Lucas, 24 per cent.
Gales of Force 8 and Over. - China Sea,
north of 10°, 7 per cent; south of 10°, 7
per cent; Japan Sea, 10 per cent; south
of Japan, 5 per cent; 150° E.-220° W.,
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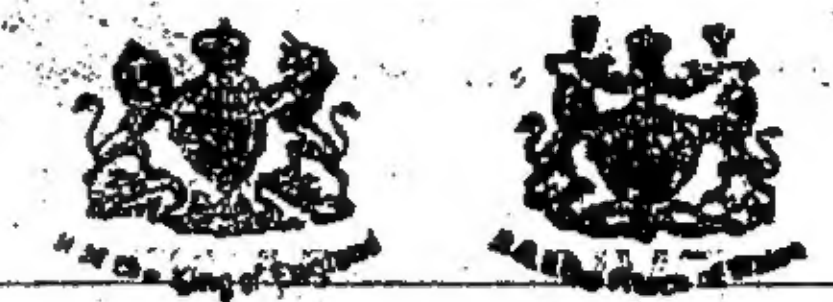
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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of Members will be held in the Lab
Pavilion on THURSDAY, the 13th Octo-
ber, at 8.15 P.M.

T. CHKE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, October 7, 1908. 1379

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDIN-
ARY MEETING of Shareholders
will be held at the Office of the Under-
secretary, on FRIDAY, the 23rd inst., at
Noon.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 9th to the
23rd instant, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, October 2, 1908. 1355

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY
YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders
in the above company will be held at the
COMPANY'S TOWN OFFICE, 2, Lower Albert
Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 27th
October, 1908, for the purpose of
presenting the Report of the Directors and
Statement of Accounts for the year ending
31st July, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 13th to
27th October, 1908, both days inclusive.
By Order,
S. A. SE'E,
Secretary.
Hongkong, October 7, 1908. 1378

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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW

Miscellaneous

Goods per Prince Alice undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, October 15—

5.15 p.m.—Meeting of Kowloon Cricket Club, at Club Pavilion.

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SATURDAY, October 17—

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MONDAY, October 19—

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TUESDAY, October 20—

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FRIDAY, October 23—

Non-Meeting of Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Offices.

TUESDAY, October 27—

Non-Meeting of The Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office.

NOTICE

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Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

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The China Mail

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1903.

GERMANY IN SHANTUNG.

In the course of an interview which the Governor of Tsingtao recently accorded a representative of the Kokumin Shinbun considerable light was thrown upon the present condition of affairs in that portion of the Chinese Empire.

Ever since Germany obtained the lease of territory around Tsingtao she has pursued a steady course, never losing sight of her principal objects, the development of the trade of Shantung, and the setting up in China of a model city, which should reproduce in all essential details the civic ideals of the Fatherland and so serve as a centre for the expansion of German influence.

It has not been an easy task for at times the hands of the Colonial authorities have been tied by the short-sighted action of political coteries at home, just as English party politics have ruined many a promising British Colonial project.

But success has been achieved notwithstanding, and to-day, in the Governor's own words, Tsingtao may be justly said to be a little Germany.

Its municipal system, its harbour regulations, its sanitary arrangements and its whole system are practically replicas of a town in Germany. It is distinctly a prosperous place, and even during recent times of depression the number

NEWS OF THE DAY.

H. M. R. Crescent left for Home to-day.

For failing to stamp a receipt for \$30 the master of the Poyen Kung was fined \$25 or 14 days at the Magistracy to-day.

The master of the lighter Persphone, was fined \$12 at the Marine Court to-day, for causing an obstruction by anchoring and preventing the free access of other vessels.

There were 378 European and 211 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library, and 129 European and 1,796 Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ended 11th October.

Mr. J. H. Kemp sent the coalie who committed the robbery at Messrs. Ho-sing Ali and Co's premises on Sunday morning, to prison for two months with hard labour.

Ten tons of explosives for Singapore and five for Hongkong arrived from London by the British steamer Glenhurst. They included shells, gunpowder, fuses, cartridges and powder.

The Austrian steamer Vorwaerts, which left Hongkong on the 25th ultimo for Calcutta, at 1.45 a.m. on the 28th, ran aground on Lomby Reef, Pambols Islands, getting off after nine hours.

No longer than ten years ago the Cape to Cairo railroad project of Cecil Rhodes was laughed at as a dream, but the present moment finds it extended 2,000 miles northward from the Cape, and prospects of the immediate further extension of this southern section are bright.

There is only a little engineering dispute as to the more desirable of two proposed routes. The first step in the construction of the northern section is the building of the great steel bridge which is now being thrown over the Blue Nile 1,000 miles south of Cairo. This bridge will greatly simplify the transportation troubles to and from Khartoum, and will open up a rich country which has been inaccessible up to this time. The bridge is 1,700 feet long, and rests on 14 stone piers. It will carry railroad tracks, wagon road and footpath.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Sub-Lieutenant Cecil R. H. Harvey has been transferred from the river steamer Widgeon to the cruiser Monmouth, and the vacancy on the former ship has been filled by the transfer of Sub-Lieutenant H. W. K. Young from the Monmouth.

Admiral Sir James Bruce, whose last appointment was as second in command of the China Station, which he held from Oct. 20, 1899, to Sept. 3, 1901, on 9th Sept. retired from the active list of the Royal Navy. In 1900 he received the honour of K.C.M.G. for his services in China.

Mr. Edward Drew, senior chief inspector of the Criminal Investigation Department of Scotland Yard, and one of the famous "Council of Seven," has resigned after more than 31 years' service, "for private reasons." His work in criminal investigation earned him the reputation of the greatest jewel thief detective of modern times.

The King's gift to Mr. Winston Churchill on the occasion of his marriage with Miss Clive's daughter, was a magnificent Malacca can, with a gold top richly engraved and monogrammed. Mr. Churchill's presents to his bride were a very beautiful necklace of fine diamonds, and a pair of large earrings. The honeymoon was to be spent at Bleichen Palace, in Paris, and at Bayona, on Lake Maggiore.

Orders have been received by Lieut.-Col. G. V. Daughly, commanding the 1st Battalion East Kent Regiment, to prepare a strong draft of 170 non-commissioned officers and men to be in readiness to embark for Hongkong on 16th inst. to reinforce the 2nd Battalion, which is moving there from South Africa. Beret-Major H. Hindley and Lieut. E. B. Chichester will go out in command.

The succession to the Sackville peerage is to be the subject of litigation. In opposition to the claim of Mr. Edward Sackville-West, a nephew of the late peer, who is at present acknowledged as the heir, Mr. Ernest Sackville-West has entered a petition in the Courts for a declaration that he is the legitimate son of the late Lord Sackville. His case is that while attached to the British Legation in Madrid Lord Sackville married Josephine de Ortega, a popular Spanish dancer, and that he is issue of the marriage.

MATRIMONIAL TROUBLES.

There was plenty of talk and no little amusement at the Magistracy to-day, when four women and two men were charged with obtaining from Chan Yu the sum of \$44 by alleged false pretences.

The trouble arose, according to complaint, on his having married one of the women defendants for whom he paid \$2 bargain money and \$44 in two instalments, and he did not want her to "fly the pigeon."

Several times this alleged wife became talkative and the Magistrate threatened to send her to prison if she did not be quiet.

All the defendants were discharged.

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INTERPORT RIFLE SHOOTING.

SHANGHAI'S SCORE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, October 12.

The scores in the Interport Rifle Shooting Competition are as follows:—

	200	500	800	Total
Aldridge	33	31	32	96
Brand	23	30	32	85
Macintosh	23	32	29	84
Barrett	31	32	30	93
Hilton-Johnson	30	33	30	93
Richards	33	30	30	93
Sauer	33	32	27	92
Lancaster	31	30	31	92
Lynch	29	30	30	89
Linde	30	30	29	89

[The total score as reported in our issue of last night was 923, which is fourteen less than that of Singapore, which team shot on October 5. Last year Shanghai made 943, Hongkong 939 and Singapore 925. It will be seen that Shanghai have not done so well as last year while Singapore have done a little better and it is hoped, naturally, that when the Hongkong team shoot to-morrow they will have made the top score.—Ed., C.M.]

The team selected to represent Hongkong is as follows:—Capt. Lammer, Messrs. J. Pidgeon, R. Lepay, J. C. Gow, A. Jenkins, Colour-Sergeant Wright (3rd Middlesex), Sergeant Hall (3rd Middlesex), Lance-Sergeant Munroe (3rd Middlesex), Chief Petty Officer Paddon, H. M. S. Tamm, J. P. McGilivray. Reserves: Sergeant Major Deacon, Sergeant Snell, R. M. L. I., Lieut. Col. Chapman, V.D., Major MacDonald and Mr. G. H. Wakeman are to be the umpires.

The Hongkong team last year was as follows:—Capt. Lammer, H.K.V.C.; Sergeant Lepay, H.K.V.C.; Corporal Marshall, H.K.V.C.; Gunner J. C. Coles, H.K.V.C.; Mr. A. Jenkins, Vol. Reserve; Mr. J. H. Pidgeon, Vol. Reserve; Mr. J. C. Gow, Vol. Reserve; Q.M. Sergeant English, 3rd Middlesex; Sergeant Lawrence, Royal Engineers; Sergeant Sayers, 3rd Middlesex; Reserves: Mr. Stockwood and Sgt. Hall, 3rd Middlesex Regt.

THE PEKING UNIVERSITY.

APPOINTMENT OFFERED AND DECLINED.

(Wah Tze Yut Po's Service.)

PEKING, October 12.

H.E. Chiang Chih-tung telegraphed to Liang Ting-lan, ex-provincial Judge of Hupel, appointing him a high official in the Board of Education, in order that he might assist him in arranging the various courses of study in connection with the Peking University. It is said that the offer has been declined.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality statistics for Hongkong, for the week ending 20th September showed that the death rate for the British and foreign community was 15.8 per 1,000 as compared with 20.5 per 1,000 for the corresponding week of last year and for the Chinese community it was 31.6 per 1,000 as compared with 20.6 per 1,000 in the corresponding week of last year or 30.3 per 1,000 for the whole Colony as against 20.3 last year.

It is said that the Hongkong A. D. C. has definitely resolved to put on "The Country Girl" during the first week of December.

NO DANGER.

DON'T be afraid to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to your children. It is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, and it is the medicine made for these diseases. What makes it safe is that it contains no opium. Children like it. For sale by all chemists and store keepers.

THE ETONIAN SOCIETY.

LONDON, October 11.

The Rev. the Hon. Edward Lytton, M.A., Head Master of Eton, has issued a public appeal for support of the Etonian Association for China.

STEARNS' HEADACHE CURE.—Nervous, Stomachic, or bilious headaches cured safely and quickly. All chemists. Why not try it?

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Hongkong, October 1, 1903.

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SERVIA ACTING DISCREETLY.

RESERVES WANTED FOR INTERNAL PACIFICATION.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)

LOKPOB, October 12.

In contrast to the public demonstrations, the Serbian Government has replied in a most discreet manner to Austria's representations regarding the calling out of the reserves. Serbia explains that the reserves were called out for the purpose of internal pacification.

CHINA'S CURRENCY.

SILVER DOLLAR TO BE ABOLISHED.

(Wah Tze Yut Po's Service.)

PEKING, October 12.

The Board of Finance has decided to melt all the silver dollars and issue instead one tael and half tael coins next year. The export of bar silver will also be forbidden.

THE BRITISH CONSTITUTION.

DOCUMENTS RELATING THERETO TRANSLATED.

(Wah Tze Yut Po's Service.)

PEKING, October 12.

H.E. Wang Tsai-tai has translated the regulations regarding the British Constitution and they have been forwarded to the Throne.

[Wang was recently Minister to the Court of St. James.—Ed. C.M.]

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

LONDON, October 11.

The Serbian Skuptschina has assembled with crowds outside clamouring for war. The Serbian Prime Minister in an interview, said that the situation was very critical, and that hostilities could hardly be avoided.

Greece has requested Great Britain, France, Italy and Russia, to consider the Cretan question at the Conference simultaneously with the questions concerning Bulgaria and Bosnia.

LATES.

The Serbian Skuptschina held a secret session of five hours which was continued yesterday. The Members are most reticent as to the proceedings, but it is learned that the meeting was a stormy one, calving down however after the foreign minister's explanation that hostilities were impossible owing to the scarcity of ammunition, and the fact that the new batteries which are now on their way are detained on the Austrian lines. Great Britain has informed Greece that she cannot make any promise regarding Cretan aspirations until legal conditions have been restored.

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES & LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO

COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.

THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS to Colon	Leave HONGKONG	Connecting Steamers from COLON to MARSEILLES & LONDON	Due at MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due at PLYMOUTH (London, 1 day later)
TONS	Month	TONS	Saturday, 1903	Saturday, 1903
DELTA 8000	Oct. 17	BRITANNIA..... 7000	Nov. 14	Nov. 21
ASSAYE 7500	Oct. 31	MOULTAN..... 10000	Nov. 28	Dec. 5
DELEI 8000	Nov. 14	CHINA..... 10000	Dec. 12	Dec. 19
OOBANA 7000	Nov. 28	MOLDAVIA..... 8000	Dec. 26	1903 Jan. 2
DEVANHA 8000	Dec. 12	HIMALAYA..... 7000	1903 Jan. 9	Jan. 16
DEKHA 8000	Dec. 26	MONGOLIA..... 10000	Jan. 23	Jan. 28
ASSAYE 7500	Jan. 8	INDIA..... 8000	Feb. 6	Feb. 13
DELEI 8000	Jan. 23	VICTORIA..... 7000	Feb. 20	Feb. 27
DEVANHA 8000	Feb. 6	MOREA..... 7000	Mar. 6	Mar. 13
BRITANNIA..... 7000	Nov. 20	MOULTAN..... 10000	Mar. 30	Mar. 27
DELTA 8000	Mar. 6	CHINA..... 8000	April 3	April 10

Passengers change steamers at Colon, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.

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	TONNAGE	about		about
* SUMATEA	5000	Nov. 2	Dec.	20
* SOMALI	7000	Dec. 30	Jan.	(1909) 17
* SICILIA	7000	Dec. 3	Feb.	14
* NILE	7000	Jan. (1909) 13	Feb.	23
* SUNDA	5000	Jan. 10	March	13
* NYANZA	7000	Feb. 10	March	27
* WALTA	5800	Feb. 24	April	10
* NORR	7000	March 10	April	24

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Hongkong, October 9, 1903.

Notices to Consignees

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI.

MONSIEUR.

The above named Vessel having arrived, the Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel will be discharged at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

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AN INTERNATIONAL PRIZE COURT.

Vice-Admiral Sakamoto has been appointed to represent Japan on the committee, which is about to meet in London to draw up regulations for the establishment of an international prize court.

The fact that such a tribunal should be established was voted at the recent Hague Conference, but as the details required much consideration, it was resolved that the nine principal naval powers of the world should send representatives to form a committee, for the purpose of drawing up rules. Admiral Sakamoto remarks as an interesting fact (according to the Japan Mail) that, whereas England in her interpretation of international law used to follow the policy most convenient for an insular power, namely, the policy of recognizing that extensive rights belong to the navy, she has of late years modified that policy, and now shows herself willing to restrict naval rights in the interest of neutrals. On the other hand Germany, which used to take the Continental view of the question, has now adopted the insular view, and is disposed to claim maximum powers for her navy. Japan is entirely without prejudice, but her inclination is in the same direction as England's, and that may be said of the United States too. Thus the Conference is likely to elicit diverse views, which it will take time to reconcile.

Smith: "I had the most singular thing happen to me the other day. I did you ever go into a man's place to pay a bill you owed him, and find him out?"

Jones (emphatically): "No, sir. Did that happen to you?"

"I did. I had a notion, or rather, I nerved myself up to it, to settle up some bills that I owed. So on my way from the office I dropped in to see my fishmonger."

"And he was out?"

"Correct. Then I tried my grocer."

"He was out?"

"Right. Plenty of shopmen, but no proprietor. Of course, I left word that I called in to settle up, but wanted to see the proprietor first. Dispute about bills. Do you twig that strengthens your credit?"

"Exactly. Then I called to see my butcher, and I'll be hanged if he wasn't out also!"

"By Jove! but you were in luck!"

"No, I wasn't."

"When I got home I found them all waiting for me!"

S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

Hongkong, October 8, 1903. 1362

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER POONA.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery will be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed before 10 a.m. Instructions are given to the consignees before 6 a.m.

Goods not cleared by the 19th inst., at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees of the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

P. J. ABBOTT, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, October 12, 1903. 1404

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP PRINCESS ALICE.

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Optics, Firearms, Valuable, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 14th of October, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th of October, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 16th of October, 1903, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

Agents.

Hongkong, October 7, 1903. 1374

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER POLYNESIAN.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London or Havre or St. Nazaire, from Bonaire or St. Vincent, or from Dunkerque, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Optics, Firearms and Valuable, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 6 p.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after MONDAY, the 19th October, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 19th October, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 19th October, at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. NALIN, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, October 12, 1903. 1408

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

SPECIAL CARGO BY ARRANGEMENT.

The Company's Office, ALBERTA BUILDING, DE WATSON ROAD, HONGKONG.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

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